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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 171, 178(a), 179, 180, 190, 203, 209, 217, 221

Part B for March 19

SUBJECT.

Export of food grains outside the Side

W D 1250—GPB—30,000 28-1-19

Secretariat
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G. R. S. III-1]

1918. 19

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(PP)

NOTES.

File No. 66-18.

FILE HEADING.

Export of foodgrains outside the State

From

The Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore

No. 7254. Dated 10.2.1919. Received 11.2.1919.

Diary No. 13884 Enclos. 2 Spare Copies. — [Serial No. 177

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTERS.

States that even though large quantities of pulses etc are allowed to be exported to Madras in accordance with the understanding arrived at with the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras no rice is being imported from the Presidency and suggests that no more grain etc should be permitted to be exported unless we are assigned to calibre that we may import rice and that the Madras Govt may be addressed through the Residency in the matter.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Notes and orders

A draft to the Residency is put up.

Sd. Chas Todhunter 12/2/19

Sd. W. 12/2/19

NOTES—First Sheet

12/2/1919

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G. R. S. III-2]

General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No.

a) It would be better that the Director of Ces here should meet the Director of Cs. Madras, & let the matter by personal discussion then that we start correspondence in the matter.

3) Mr Matthan (now appointed Dr of Cs.) may go to Madras & meet the Director there.

Dewan

CBJ
15/2/19

4) Further correspondence received is also submitted for perusal.

5) The grain certificate may be endorsed provided Madras gives us all the arrears of rice allotments due from Madras

4614
15-2-19.

Dewan

CBJ
18/2/19

6) May be endorsed & letter sent & the Residency may be requested to remit

16/2

7) Instruct D of C accts.
8) Issue letter & book as revised.

CBJ
17/2/19

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

G. R. S. III-2.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

P P File No. 66 of 1918.

Serial No.

From

The Director of Civil Supplies
No 7377 Dy 13/14 Feb 1919

Forwards a copy of letter from the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras to the effect that he called upon the Mills at Ramachandrapuram to explain why they have not supplied to our merchants rice at the rates sanctioned by him and requests orders as to whether the certificates issued by the Director of Civil Supplies for transport of rice should be endorsed

To

The T. & R.
No P & S 20 Dy 18/2/1919

Requests that the Govt of Madras may be moved to issue orders to their Director to send to the quantity of rice agreed to be sent by them

Draft to the Director of Civil Supplies as put up as directed in para 6 and 7 supra.

S.R.
18/2/1919

Issued 18/2/19

NOTE—Contn. sheet

G. R. S. III-2.

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | NN File No. 66 of 191 8

Serial No. 180

To

The Director of Civil Supplies
No. G. 17736 of 18.2.19
Dy. Copy of letter no. 801 dtd
Copy to Serial 179.

190. From the Food Controller
No C 153 of 22.2.19.

With refee to the above-forwarded
a copy of letter of 15th Feb 1919
from the Dr of C.S. Madras re-
-garding the export of rice from
the Madras Presidency -

11 Mg
24/2/19

12 24/2/19

13 It does not appear that the attitude of the Dr of C.S. Madras is reasonable. We must have sufficient facilities for getting our allotment of rice

14 It will perhaps be well if the F.C. meets the Madras Dr of C.S. & discusses the situation & arrives at a working arrangement. It may also be desirable to send one of our officers to Ramachandrapuram to find

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

G. R. S. III-2.

General and Revenue Secretariat.

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	out the state of things there & how best the difficulties can be overcome -
	Darwin) CBS 28/2/19 4/3/19
4973 1-3-19	15 I think we shd speak cases. Then the Govt can get rays where from as regds the Madras allotments rice, the letter we send it Remarks to Quinbeadup - & Cheap supply Stores 16 Please communicate to Govt 3-3
	CBS 3/3/19 4/3/19
	17 Despatched Reg 4/3/19
	Chr/dcy CBS for Secretary Supply 4/3/19
	19 Issue CBS 4/3/19 4/3/19

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G. R. S. III-2.

General and Revenue Secretariat. | M. File No. 66 of 1918.

Serial No.

203 To

The Food Controller and Dy Civil Supplies

no. E. 19493 9 5·3·19

States that Govt Consider it desirable that specific areas in the State from which the Madras merchants can obtain ragi and horse gram should be allotted. As regards the import of rice from the Madras Presidency Mr K. V. Ramiah Asst Dy Commr may be sent at once to Ramachandrapuram and asked to arrange for the supply

209 From

The Food Controller & Dir of Civil Supplies

no 4775 9 6/7·3·1919.

In reply to Rl 203, states that he proposes deferring action till the Conference is over on the 8th inst and that Mr. Ramayya may be sent after that to Ramachandrapuram

W Chief Secy's order

F.S. keep with file

Sd/- H C B 8/3/-

217 From the Food Controller

no 5127 9 13/14·3·19

NOTE—Contn. sheet

G. R. S. III-2.

General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No.	
	With refee to Sl 203 - States the action taken in the matter of exporting rice to Madras & also of the departure of Ramayya to Ramachandrapuram for inspecting rice - Subd with refee to para 15 of the notes - (Page 5)
	Hee 18/3/19 Chief Secy 18-3-19.
	For perusal Dewan Secy 23/3/19
221	From the Collr Godavari - No 5662 of 22-3-19 Forwards copies of correspondence between himself & the Dy C. S. Madras regarding difficulties in raising the rice purchased by Mysore merchants at Ramachandrapuram & states that there may no further difficulties in the matter - Subd Hee 24/3/19 Dewan 24-3-19
5736. 25-3-19.	Perused & agreed Hee Ramayya 27/3 & returned 27-3-19.
	No further action necessary now [illegible]

NOTE—Contn. sheet

No. 7254
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Office of the Director of Civil Supplies and Controller of Prices in Mysore.

Bangalore Dated, 10th February 191 9

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DIARY NO.

FEB 1919

From

C. Ranganatha Rao Sahib, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Director of Civil Supplies and Controller of Prices in Mysore.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

S i r ,

With reference to understanding arrived at with the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras, at the Conference held during the first week of January, I have the honour to state that although the Director agreed to allow the export of 1.825 tons of rice per month from the Madras Presidency in exchange for an equal quantity of gram, pulse and ragi exported from the State, the localities he has assigned to our merchants are deficient in stocks, so that it is not pos-sible to obtain rice either in the quantities or at the rates sanctioned by him. As an instance, I may mention that 700 tons of rice are allowed to be exported to Mysore from Ramachandrapuram Taluk, Godaveri District, at rates not exceeding Rs.12-0-0 per bag for raw rice, 12-8-0 for boiled rice. The merchants to whom certificates have been issued for export from that locality report that no rice can be had for less than Rs.13-0-0 and 14-0-0 per bag of raw and boiled rice respectively, and have not been able to purchase more than half the sanctioned allotment even at these rates. While we are unable to obtain any rice from Madras certificates are being freely issued by the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras, for export of gram and pulse from Mysore, the total quantity for which certificates have been

issued up-to-date for January and February being 2348 tons as against a total of 2800 agreed to be exported. I have endorsed the certificates for only 1087 tons and have retained the others unendorsed in my office. I enclose copy of my letter to the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras, today requesting him to cancel all restrictions as regards place of export or if a definition of the locality of export is necessary, to give us the districts of Guntur and Krishna, from which rice was usually being exported to -- Mysore. I suggest for the consideration of Government that no more gram and pulse should be permitted to be exported unless we are assigned localities from which there is a reasonable prospect of our obtaining rice grown in the Madras Presidency. I should also suggest that the Government of Madras may be moved through the Residency to settle this question in a satisfactory manner at an early date.

I have the honour to be,

S i r ,

Your most obedient servant,

CRangaramanujam

Director of Civil Supplies.

N.P.S.

10.2.19

No.
Encl.

Office of the Director of Civil Supplies
and Controller of Prices in Mysore.

Bangalore Dated, 10th February 19[illegible]

From

C. Ranganatha Rao Sahib, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Director of Civil Supplies and Controller of Prices in Mysore.

To

J. Gray, Esq., I.C.S.,
Ag. Director of Civil Supplies, Madras,

S i r

I have the honour to invite your attention to my letter No.6727 dated 27th January 1919 as well as my telegram of the 31st ultimo bringing to your notice that our merchants complain of being unable to obtain rice from the locality assigned by you to them i.e., Ramachandrapuram Taluk at the rates fixed by you. As I have reported already the rates demanded are 13-8-0 per bag for raw rice and Rs.14-0-0 per bag for boiled rice as against 12-0-0 and 12-8-0 respectively fixed by you. I understand that out of 700 tons of rice for which certificates were issued for export from Ramachandrapuram, only half the quantity was available for purchase at the higher rates given above You will observe therefore from the localities assigned to our merchants they are unable to obtain rice either in quantities or at rates sanctioned by you and considerable dissatisfaction has been caused among the public by the fact that while we are unable to obtain rice from Madras, gram and pulse which was understood to be exchanged for rice was freely going outside the State. Under the circumstances I should suggest for your consideration the removal of all restrictions in regard to places from which rice should be obtained from the Madras Presidency, the quantity to be exported being alone determined, or in case you consider it expedient to define the places of export to allot the districts of Guntur and Krishna, these being

the districts from which exports of rice to Mysore were usually taking place.

You will observe that I have requested in my ~~letter~~ letter No. 6879 dated 31st January 19 to issue certificates for export of gram and pulse from other places besides Mysore in order to avoid an undue depletion from one particular locality. I am now in a position to state that you may issue certificates for export of horsegram and pulse to the extent of 1000 tons from Mysore and 400 tons from Tumkur. I have allotted these localities because it is here that you will find the largest surplus of gram and pulse available for export. I should earnestly request you to adopt a similar policy in regard to the export of rice -- from Madras into Mysore. In the meanwhile, to ~~exempt~~ avoid popular clamour, I have been constrained to retain in my office, unendorsed the certificates for gram and pulse already issued by you, noted in a separate sheet which will be endorsed as usual as soon as satisfactory arrangements are made in regard to the imports of rice into the State.

I have the honour to be,

S i r ,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/ Ranganathaiah

Director of Civil Supplies.

N.P.S.

Copy

B. Krishnamurthy

for Director 10/2/19

SECRETARIAT
POLITICAL BRANCH
15 FEB 1919
No. 7377
ENCLS. 2

DIARY NO. 14020

Office of the Director of Civil Supplies
in Mysore,

Bangalore City, Dated, 13th Feb'y *191* 9.

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From

C. Ranganatha Rao Sahib, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Director of Civil Supplies in M

P. 1919
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To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B. A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His
Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit for the information of Government copy of the letter No.C.520/19-1 dated the 11th February 1919 from the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras, to the effect that he has called upon the mills at Ramachandrapuram to explain why they have not supplied to our merchants rice at the rates sanctioned by him, and requesting that I might endorse the certificates for gram issued by him. I also forward copy of my reply to the Director. I beg to solicit the *instructions* of Government in regard to the request of the Director regarding the endorsement of his certificates.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

C Ranganatha Rao Sahib

Director of Civil Supplies.

13/2/19

Copy of letter No.C.520/19-1 dated the 11th February 1919 from the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras to the Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore, Bangalore.

With reference to your letter No.7256/1 dated the 10... February 1919, I have the honour to state that I have already called upon the following licensed mills in Ramachandrapuram taluk to explain why they are not selling rice to your merchants at prices not higher than the maximum fixed by me. If they have no satisfactory expalnation to offer, I shall cancel the licenses and give their allotments to other mills. I think you will agree that I have so far done all that I can do in the matter. It does not seem quite fair to hold up my certificates for grams and pulses which Mysore undertook to give us - simply because of a temporary difficulty in buying the rice we have agreed to give youat or under the fixed maximum prices. I need hardly say that I shall do my very best to enable your men to get the rice promised them from Ramachandrapuram, and in the meantime would request that you pass my certificates for - grams and pulses as you originally agreed. It is not necessary that you should keep them back in order to strengthen your position in negotiating with us.

1. Sri Sitarama Rice Mill, Anaparti.
2. The Rice Mill Tottipudi,
3. Satyanarayana Rice Mill, Mandapeta.

"C o p y",

Director of Civil Supplies.

13/2/19

15th Feb'y

J. Gray, Esq., I. C. S.,
Director of Civil Supplies, Madras.

Sir,

I write to acknowledge your very kind letter No520/19-1 dated the 11th February 1919 that you have asked the mills at Ra Ramachandrapuram to explain why they have not supplied rice at the rates sanctioned by you. I am obliged by the action you have taken but I would request you to consider the points raised in my letter namely, whether you cannot remove all restrictions as to place of export as the quantity to be exported has been fixed , or if you should consider this as inexpedient whether you cannot allot to us the district of Krishna and Guntur from which we were obtaining our usual supplies of rice.

I have to point out that the request I am making is perfectly in accordance with the decision arrived at the Conference held at Bangalore in January when Mr. Wood was present. The Conference decided that we should get 1825 tons of rice per month in exchange for an equal weight of gram, pulse and ragi allowed to be exported to ~~Mysore~~ Madras and there was no reference to limiting the supply from any particular locality either in Mysore or Madras. All that I now request of you is to take the measures necessary to make the promise of of export from Madras really effective.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

B/ C Ranganatha Rao Sahib
Director of Civil Supplies.

Copy
B. Muddukrishnamma
For Director 13/2/19

N.F. 66-18 Gol No 820 S/18 2/19

To Guard 179

The First Assistant Resident.

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to the correspondence ending with your - letter No.1019 dated 5-2-1919 regarding the arrangements ~~made by the Durbar~~ for the export of food grains from Mysore to Madras and vice versa.

2.It is now reported that the merchants of the State do not find it possible ~~to~~ import from the localities which the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras, has assigned ~~to us~~ in accordance with the understanding arrived at at the conference, the quantity of rice allotted ~~to us~~ or at the rates sanctioned by him, since these areas are themselves deficient in stocks. As an instance it may be mentioned that 700 tons of rice have been allowed to be exported to Mysore from - Ramachandrapuram Taluk, Godavari District at rates not exceeding Rs.12-0-0 per bag for raw rice and Rs.12/8/- for boiled rice, but the local merchants to whom certificates were issued for importing it - from that locality represent that no rice can be had there for less than Rs.13-8-0 and Rs.14-0-0 per bag of raw and boiled rice respectively and that they have not been able to purchase more than half the sanctioned allotment even at these rates.

3. Under these circumstances, I am

to

Ref. yrs. made by Admitted note letter 8/4/19 like M Yes Mark to enquire In regd yrice from Ramchandp has not been successful.

to request that the Govt. of Madras may be moved to instruct their Director of Civil Supplies to arrange to deliver to the Food Controller in Mysore the quantity of rice agreed to be exchamged with Mysore at the rates prevailing in the localities in the same manner as the Durbar have arrange to supply Ragi and rice to Ooty and Gudalur.

4. If this arrangement is not considered feasible, I am to suggest that the Durbar may be allowed to import the allotted quantity from any part of the Presidency where their merchants may be able to obtain it.

I have etc.,

Chief Secretary to Govt.

KNN.

G. R. S. V1—G/32]

SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

Section P.P.66
File No.
Serial No. 180

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT
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No. 417736
Cw ave

Date of issue 18/2/19

Signed by [illegible]

To The Director of civil Supplies

Sir,

with reference to the Correspondence ending with your letter no 7377 dated 13th 7th Feb 1919 re the endorsement of the certificate for gram etc issued by the Director of civil Supplies, Madras, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter no Pd 820

over.

addressed to the Residency

dated The 18th inst. in the matter

and that pending a reply thereto

you may endorse at

Fort St. George all the certificates

still remaining into your

hands.

I have &c.

In chief Secy to Govt

per

In the meanwhile

the certificates

of exemption from

the State may

be endorsed

issued by the

Dr. Madras

may be endorsed

originally

Mr. Secy

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Secretary

List of enclosures.

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DIARY NO.....

No. C153 Gen. 1

Office of the Food Controller and
Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore
Camp Mysore, 22nd February 1919.

24 FEB 1919 From 59651

K. Matthan, Esq., B.A.,
Food Controller & Director
of Civil Supplies in Mysore.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of H. H, the Maharaja of Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. G.17736 of the 18th instant, regarding endorsement of the certificates of the Madras Director of Civil Supplies for pulses, I have the honour to enclose herein for the information of Government a copy of letter No. C.520/19-2 of the 15th instant from the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras, received here on the 19th instant. From this letter it will be seen that the Madras Director is not prepared to allow us to obtain our supplies of rice from Krishna and Guntur. He further says that in regard to the difficulty experienced by our merchants in purchasing rice from the licensed mills allotted to us the remedy is largely in our own hands and that we may appoint a single buying agent to ~~xhx~~ purchase all our Godavari allotment. The attitude of the Madras Director appears thus to be very unfavourable. In the meantime I have received the orders of Government to endorse the certificates for the export of gram from the State issued by the Madras Director. I shall deal

deal with the certificates immediately on my return to Bangalore to-morrow and have informed the Madras Director accordingly.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Food Controller and Director
of Civil Supplies.

Letter C. No.520/19-2 dated 15th February 1919 from the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras, to the Director of Civil Supplies, Mysore, Bangalore.

With reference to your letter No.7373 dated the 13th February 1919, I have the honour to state that I scarcely thought it necessary to deal separately with the question whether I cannot remove all restrictions as to the place of export in respect of the rice which I have undertaken to give you, as the suggestion is so obviously impracticable. This no doubt also explains why no reference was made at the Conference of the 4th January to the point. The exportable surplus of rice is comparatively small and confined to a limited area while on the other hand our deficit districts are so many and so widespread and their demands so great that it is absolutely necessary to allot different deficit districts to different surplus areas for their supplies. This answers the question as to why I cannot allot the districts of Kistna and Guntur as the source of supply to Mysore. It may be that formerly Mysore was obtaining supplies from Kistna and Guntur but it is almost impossible to have any form of control without some disturbance of established trade relations. Your difficulty in purchasing rice from the licensed mills allotted to you is simply a question of price. As these mills are not allowed to export to any one else, the remedy is largely in your own hands. If you appoint a single buying agent to purchase your Godavari allotment it is practically certain that you will have no difficulty. I must again protest very strongly against your action in holding up my certificates for pulses from Mysore. The cases are not at all parallel and I have

have not held up a single certificate of yours for the amount which was promised to you.

Copy.

"By Order"

M M Hariharan

Clerk
Food Controller's office.

MPH.

G. R. S. VI—G/32]

SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,
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Date of issue 5/3/19

Signed by Mr. [illegible]

Section MC 18
File No. 62
Serial No. 253

No. 9[illegible]49

To

The Food Controller & Dy
Civil Supplies in Mysore

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No C 153 of 22nd Feb 1919 regarding the import of rice from the Madras Presidency, I am directed to state that Government consider it desirable that the ~~specific areas from which~~

over.

~~merchants from Madras can get rail & transit should be specified~~

specific areas in the State ~~should be allotted~~ from which the Madras Merchants can obtain rail & transit ~~to~~ should be allotted

As regards the import of rice from the Madras Presidency ~~it is also considered necessary to send~~ Mr K. H. Ramanna Asst Director of Commerce to Ramachandrapur ~~to confer~~ & arrange for the supply. ~~I am to request that necessary action may be taken in the matter~~ Mr. Bent at once.

Have the

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List of enclosure

Copy to the Director of Industries & Commerce in reply

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Examined by

WD 86—GPB—60,000—15-11-16

Office of the Director of Civil Supplies
and Controller of Prices in Mysore.

D.O. No. 4775 *Bangalore Dated*, 6th March 1917.

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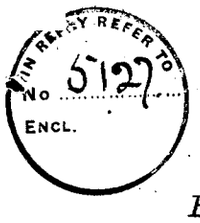
DIARY NO. M. 66-28

My dear Balasundaram Iyer,

With reference to your letter No.G.19493 of the 5th instant about allotting definite areas for the export of horsegram and ragi to Madras Presidency and sending Mr. K.H. Ramayya to Ramachandrapur, I propose deferring action till Saturday, when we see the Madras officers. If they should be prepared to allow us to buy rice anywhere in Madras we need not take this step. On Saturday a representative of a big Tenali firm is seeing the Dewan with a proposal to be allowed to import all the Madras rice we can get. We might think of sending Mr. K.H. Ramayya there after that.

Yours sincerely,

V.N.



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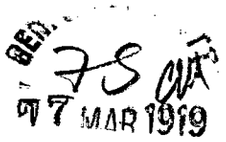
Office of the Food Controller and the
Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore,
Camp Tumkur,
Bangalore City, Dated 13th March 1919.

14 M 66-18 Serial 217

From

K. MATTHAN, Esq., B. A.,
Food Controller and Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore

To



C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. G.19493/P.P. 66-18-203 of the 5th instant and in continuation of my D.O. letter No.4775 of the 7th idem, I have the honour to state that the question of specifying the areas from which Madras merchants could obtain ragi and horsegram was discussed at the Conference with the Madras Officers on the 8th instant. As regards ragi, the quantity to be exported in the month of March is 360 tons and about 266 tons from April onwards. Government have already issued instructions to all the Deputy Commissioners to allow Nilgiri merchants to buy ragi anywhere in the State and it appears to be impracticable to modify this arrangement for the month of March. From April onwards, the exports will be only to Gudalur and Malabar and merchants will be restricted to the Mysore District. As regards horsegram the Madras authorities have agreed to get the horsegram from the places that I might indicate, but there are certain practical difficulties about this as we have removed all restrictions against inter-State traffic and there will be considerable movement of horsegram to the places from which exports to Madras are allowed. I have been consulting the merchants at Mysore, Hassan, Tiptur, etc. about the best manner in which such an arrangement could be made and hope to make a suitable arrangement at an early date.

2. The question of deputing Mr. Ramayya to Ramachandrapuram and asking him to arrange for the supply o rice from Ramachandrapuram has to await the disposal of the tenders that have been called for for the import of Ramachandrapuram and Burma rice.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

KM/MPH.

Food Controller & Director.

IN REPLY REFER TO
No 5669
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CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
POLITICAL BRANCH
24 MAR 1919

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Secy No. 1680.

Office of the Food Controller and the
Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore,

Bangalore City, Dated 22nd March 1919.

From

K. MATTHAN, Esq., B. A.,

Food Controller and Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,

B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith copies of correspondence as noted in the margin between the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras, and myself regarding difficulties caused to our merchants by the local authorities in railing the gice purchased by them there under priority certificates issued by me and duly countersigned by the Madras Director.

D.O. No. C.930/19-4 of 20th instant from the Madras Director
This office reply of 22nd instant.

I am hoping that there may be no more difficulties of this kind, especially as we have now appointed a single buying agent: but, if there should be any necessity, I would request Mr. K. H. Ramaiya, as previously ordered by Government, to go to Ramachandrapur and look into the matter and take needful steps.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Matthan.

KM/MPH.

Food Controller & Director.

D.O. No. 5661 Office of the Food Controller &
Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore,
Bangalore, 22nd March 1919.

Dear Mr. Gray,

I have to thank you for your D.O. No. C.930/19-4 of the 20th instant, regarding the difficulties complained of by our merchants in getting the rice they have in the Godavari District railed to Bangalore. I am obliged for the instructions you have given to the local authorities to release the bags commandeered by them and hope to hear that the rice has been actually released.

2. In regard to the alleged contravention of rules by our merchants, may I point out that they have no object in paying higher than the maximum price prescribed or in buying elsewhere than in the prescribed localities? It is simply because your licensed millowners would not sell to them at the controlled prices that our merchants have to pay more. If the rice has been purchased elsewhere and the licensee has simply lent his name for the transaction that again would seem to be the fault of the licensee. In such circumstances our merchants instead of being penalized would seem to have a right to expect all possible assistance from the local authorities as against the millowners who are transgressing your rules.

3. I, therefore, very earnestly request that our merchants who have no desire to or object in contravening your rules ~~should~~ may be given every facility for buying the grain at the controlled prices in the prescribed localities.

I am doing this as regards exports from Mysore to the Madras Presidency.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- K. Matthan.

KM/MPH.

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D.O.

Copy of letter No.C.930/19-4 dated 20th March 1919 from the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras, to the Director of Civil Supplies, Bangalore.

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I apologise for the delay in acknowledging the receipt of your telegram No.148 of the 13th in which you state that Kenchettappa Puttappa holder of certificate No.289436 for importing rice from Biccavole was prevented from loading. I wired at once to the Collector of Godaveri regarding the difficulties at Biccavole and I have also since met him in person. The trouble arose from the fact that some of your merchants purchased their rice not from the licensed mills but from various other persons who have no licenses for export. That is to say the licensee is merely a nominal exporter and has simply lent his name for the purpose of obtaining the necessary priority certificate. The rice was purchased, I am told at rates far in excess of the maximum controlled price. Under the circumstances the local officers commandeered the rice because the export was not in accordance with the rules. Your merchants, I am given to understand, have been purchasing in Rajamundry and other places quite outside the area which has been allotted for sending supplies to Bangalore and have been railing the rice so purchased to stations in Ramachandrapur taluk for export from there.

2. I have however asked the Collector of Godaveri to release if possible the rice which has been commandeered amounting in all to 15,650 bags so that the supply may be despatched upon the certificates already issued by you and countersigned by me. I have done this as a special case so that your supplies should not be held up in spite of the fact that your merchants have been contravening the rules.

3. The question of revising the present scheme regulating the export of rice in the delta districts is now under consideration and I hope that before long modifications will be

made which will make it easier for Mysore as well as other buying districts to get their allotted supplies of rice at reasonable rates. As soon as Government pass final orders in the matter I shall let you know. I have again wired to the Collector of Godaveri today asking him to let me know definitely whether the rice tendered at Biccavole for Mysore State upon certificates issued by you and countersigned by me has actually been released yet.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- J. Gray.

Your letter No.5419 dated 18th March has just been brought to me by Mr. H. Ramiah and I have sent him on to the Collector of Godaveri with a letter enclosing a copy of yours above mentioned.

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D. O.

Office of the Director of Civil Supplies
in Mysore,

ngalore City, Dated, 10th February 191 9

Statement of priority certificates issued by the Director of Civil Supplies Madras and remaining unendorsed in the office of the Director of Civil Supplies, Mysore.

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R. C. No.	114545	dated	22-1-19.	Pulses.	80	tons.	80
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B. Muddukrishnaiah
for Director of Civil Supplies.

10/2/19